

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This year I will be getting to know your son or daughter as a learner and as an individual with special interests and learning needs. I'll be asking you to help me by returning a checklist with your perspectives on your child's interests and learning preferences. My purpose is to increase my students' interest in and excitement about learning and, most importantly, to help them be successful in school.

This school year you will see or hear about the teaching ideas I am using to better meet the needs of all my students. Students will be learning in a variety of ways. Sometimes we'll all be working together; at other times, students will be working in small groups, with a partner, or on their own. For group work, they will sometimes choose who to work with and what project they want to tackle. Other times, I will form groups and assign projects based on what students know, what they need to learn, or how they prefer to learn. All students will be offered challenging learning experiences and all will be actively involved in their learning.

My goal is to provide opportunities for all students to be successful and to enjoy learning. Students love both variety in learning and taking on new challenges. They learn at different paces. And they all have preferences about how they like to learn and how they like to show what they have learned. I will be doing my professional best this year to attend to differences among students, trying to ensure that each student is a successful, confident learner.

Please feel free to call or email me with questions or comments. I would enjoy hearing from you.

Sincerely,